

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 29 - HB 112

February 12, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts a church or church organization that provides up to two custodial care and services programs for non-school age children during the same calendar week from licensing as a childcare agency if the programs operate on different calendar days and no child attends more than one of the programs. Each program must be limited to two days a week for not more than six hours each day.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-3-503(a)(6) currently exempts a church or church organization from licensing as a childcare agency if the church provides a single custodial care and services program for non-school age children for not more than two days in each calendar week for not more than six hours each day.
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-3-503(b) currently requires such organizations to post a sign stating that the facility is not required to be licensed by the state as a child care agency and to obtain from a child's parent, custodian, or guardian a signed acknowledgement form upon initial registration. Organizations must still comply with these requirements under the proposed bill.
- According to the Department of Human Services (the Department), exempt programs are not required to register with the Department or comply with regulations associated with licensure.
- The cost of any potential increase in the number of churches or church organizations providing exempt custodial care and services programs will be not significant and any increase in expenditures can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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